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1. REF DISCUSSED BY STA WITH EDMENT AND WARMBOLD. DUE INABILITY AND UNDESIRABILITY USING LIAISON AND LACK OF INDEPENDENT ASSETS WITH ACCESS TO CUBAN SHIPS, ONLY POSSIBILITY IMPLEMENT REF AT THIS TIME BY USE OF AMLEGS. IF SUCCESSFUL OP MOUNTED, ASSUME FOLL POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES ALREADY CONSIDERED BY HQS:

A. UNLESS ACTION TAKEN ON NUMBER OF CUBAN VESSELS AT ROUGHLY SAME TIME AMLEGS USED FOR ANY SPORADIC ACTIONS ON ONLY SOME SHIPS WILL PROBABLY BE RELUCTANT CONTINUE ACTIVITIES FOR KUBARK. IN GENERAL BELIEVE AMLEGS WILLING COOPERATE THIS EFFORT ONLY IF THEY CONVINCED IT PART OF "FINAL EFFORT" OVERTHROW CASTRO. (AMLEGS 12 AND 29 EXPRESSED GENERAL DISILLUSIONMENT OVER ODYOKE RESTRICTIONS SIMILAR ACTION BY EMIGREES IN PBPRIME AND FOUND IT DIFFICULT RE-CONCILE OUR REQUEST FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE THIS OP WITH APPARENT ODYOKE POLICY STOP OTHERS FROM CARRYING OUT SIMILAR ACTIVITY.)

B. IF CASTRO GOVT SUSPECTS SABOTAGE, LIKELY HE WILL ATTEMPT REPRISALS IN SIMILAR KIND AGAINST WESTERN CARRIERS, SUCH AS PAA FLIGHTS. ALSO, CUBAN G-2 LIKELY ATTEMPT MAJOR EFFORT BREAK AMLEG COMPLEX (WHICH WILL BE SUSPECTED) AND MAY TAKE REPRISALS AGAINST KUBARKERS & ODACID INSTALLATIONS THEREBY IDENTIFIED.

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C. IF DUTCH AUTHORITIES SUSPECT SABOTAGE OPS ORIGINATED ROTTERDAM, IN SINGLE INSTANCE POSSIBILITY EXISTS CONVINCE THEM CUBAN EMIGREE GROUP AND NOT KUBARK INVOLVED, BUT AS SIMILAR ACTIONS CARRIED OUT IN FUTURE HIGHLY UNLIKELY THEY WOULD ACCEPT THIS PLOY. ALSO, ALMOST CERTAIN DUTCH AUTHORITIES WOULD DRASTICALLY INCREASE SECURITY IN PORT AREA WHEN CUBAN VESSELS HERE, THUS MAKING FUTURE CONTACT ANY AMLEGS VERY DIFFICULT. SIMILAR SITUATION MIGHT OBTAIN BELGIAN AND GERMAN PORTS AS CONSEQUENCE. (DUTCH INTEL AND SECURITY SERVICES HIGHLY AWARE KUBARK KEEN INTEREST DUE TO THEIR HEAVY INVOLVEMENT OTHER ACTIONS AGAINST CUBAN TARGET.)

2. RE SPECIFIFIC ACTION AGAINST HAVANA (WHICH ARRIVED ROTTERDAM 19 APR AND DEPARTING DIRECT TO HAVA 26 APR), SABOTAGE RAISED BY WARMBOLD AND EDMENT WITH AMELEGS 12 AND 29 WITH FOLL RESULTS:

A. AMLEG 12 IS OBVIOUSLY RELUCTANT TAKE PART SABOTAGE ACTION UNLESS ASSURED MANY OTHER COUNTRYMEN CARRYING OUT SAME TYPE ACTION OTHER AREAS. HE NOT WILLING TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT CAUSE DEATH ANY CREW MEMBER. HE DISTURBED BY RECENT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS ODYOKE POLICY AND WANTS CLARIFICATION PURPOSE SABOTAGE ACTION. HE NOT INTERESTED ACTION IF IT PART OF GENERAL HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN NOT CONNECTED TO MAJOR ODYOKE PLAN OF ACTION. BELIEVE POSSIBLE HE WOULD BE MORE AMENABLE IF SOME INDICATIONS SUCH A PLAN OCCURRED PRIOR HIS NEXT VOYAGE.

B. AMLEG 29 APPEARED GENUINELY INTERESTED PERFORMING INTERNAL SABOTAGE ON SHIP BUT AS CHIEF ENGINEER WOULD REQUIRE COLLABORATOR IN ENGINE ROOM SINCE HE DOES NOT TAKE REGULAR ENGINE ROOM DUTY AND HIS PRESENCE THERE ALWAYS FOR SPECIFIC INSPECTION WHICH OBSERVED BY MEN WHO ARE ON DUTY. HIS MOTHER IN PBRUMEN ON VERGE NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND ACTION HIS PART NOW WOULD REQUIRE HIS IMMEDIATE

DEFECTION WHICH HE NOT WILLING DO BECAUSE OF MOTHER. IF ANOTHER 24 ENGINE ROOM AMLEG TRANSFERRED HIS SHIP PRIOR NEXT VOYAGE HE WOULD BE WILLING CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE WHICH COULD PLAUSIBLY BE EXPLAINED AS NATURAL ACCIDENT OR BREAKDOWN.

3. BELIEVE AMLEG 29 WOULD POSSIBLY BE WILLING TO PLANT FOUR-HOUR DELAY EXPLOSIVE "CLAM" TO ONE OF 34 DRUMS OF "TETRAHYDROFURAN" WHICH TO BE LOADED ON DECK. MANIFEST LISTS SUBSTANCE AS HAVING FLASH POINT OF MINUS 20 DEGREES CENTIGRADE. CLAM WOULD BE PLANTED AFTER SHIP ARRIVES HOME PORT. HAVE NOT DISCUSSSED THIS ACTION WITH AMLEG 29 YET. PLS ADVISE OPIM PRIOR NEXT MEETING WITH AMLEG 29 WHICH SCHEDULED EVENING 23 APRIL. AMLEG 9 SHIP WILL DEPART FOR HAVANA 26 APRIL. 24 15-6

5. EDMENT REMAINING HAGU PENDING REPLY.

6. SINCE OBVIOUS UNPREDICTABLE, SERIOUS AND FAR REACHING LOCAL CONSEQUENCES CAN FLOW FROM ANY STAGE IMPLEMENTATION REF ACTION, REQUEST COMMENT RE ANY INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO CHIEF OF MISSION RE THIS MATTER OR GUIDANCE TO BE FOLLOWED IN BRIEFING HIM BY STA PRIOR ENGAGING IN REF TYPE PROGRAM.

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C/S COMMENT: *APPROVAL HAD BEEN GRANTED FOR SABOTAGE OF CUBAN SHIPS.

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